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SUBJECT: ILO 1978 CONFERENCE

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- 1. EMBOFF DREW ON REFTEL TO DISCUSS 1978 ILO CONFERENCE WITH JACOB LEMEKI, MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY, WHO DEPARTS FOR GENEVA JUNE 10 TO ASSUME CHARGE OF PNG DELEGATION. LEMEKI AGREED WITH U.S. POSITION ON ALL POINTS RAISED, SAYING PNG ALSO WANTED TO KEEP POLITICS OUT OF THE ILO AND TO GET ORGANIZATION BACK TO ITS REAL PURPOSE. IMPROVING THE PLIGHT OF WORKERS.
- 2. EMBOFF DID NOT RAISE ISSUE OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING BODY. PNG FEELS STRONGLY THAT PACIFIC SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. TO HAVE RAISED THAT ISSUE WOULD HAVE DETRACTED FROM POSITIVE THRUST OF CONVERSATION AND WOULD NOT HAVE ALTERED PNG POSITION.
- 3. LEMEKI SPENDS MORE TIME ON THE INDUSTRY SIDE OF HIS MINISTRY AND IS NO EXPERT ON COMPLEX MACHINATIONS OF ILO. BELIEVE PNG CAN BE COUNTED ON TO VOTE POSITIVELY ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US (EXCLUDING RESTRUCTURING) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF U.S. MISSION OR SOME FRIENDLY DELEGATION CAN KEEP HIM POSTED AS TO HOW UP-COMING VOTES WILL HELP AVOID CONTINUED POLITICIZATION AND GET ILO BACK ON TRACK TOWARDS FULFILLING ITS LEGITIMATE FUNCTION. OLMSTED

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